

Appl. No. 09/824,548  
Amendment dated December 18, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of October 22, 2003

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the statement by the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application at page 2, paragraphs 1-3, to wit:

"This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

See objections below.

Prosecution on the merits is closed...*Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213."

In paragraph 4 on page 4 of the office action of October 22, the drawings were objected to, particularly regarding the reaction following Figure 6; and regarding the labeling of the diisocyanate to the left of the labeled "polyurethane urea". In addition, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application required a new section entitled: "Brief Description of the Drawings" under MPEP §6080.01(f).

New drawing pages containing drawings replacing the originally-presented Figure 6 and the schematic diagram set forth beneath Figure 6 are submitted herewith. Relevant to the presentation of the replacement drawing pages, the specification is herewith appropriately amended to reflect the changes made to the drawings, to add a new section entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings" per the requirement under MPEP §6080.01(f) and to correct errors of an obvious typographical nature.

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The drawings have been changed as follows:

The figure following originally-presented Figure 6 was originally not numbered, but is now indicated as "Figure 7". Reference numerals 11 and 12 for two graphs in Figure 6 were previously omitted. The descriptive matter originally set forth following Figure 6 has been deleted thereat and is now set forth in the specification in the newly-presented section: "Brief Description of the Drawings", together with explanation of the meanings of the graphs indicated by reference numerals 11 and 12. The identification of the meaning of the "Y" axis for Figure 6 as originally presented was illegible; and has been made legible on the newly-presented Figure 6 submitted herewith as drawing page 3/4.

The specification has been further amended at line 18, page 1 to correct an error of an obvious typographical nature; at page 11, paragraph 2 lines 5-7 to change 'scheme 1' to ---Figure 7--- ; at paragraph 4 lines 24-28, page 13 to change "figures x and y" to ---figures 3, 4 and 5---; and at page 14, after line 23 to add the new section: "Brief Description of the Drawings".

The subject matter added, as indicated *supra*, is not susceptible to a rejection based on 'new matter' under 35 USC §132(a) and 37 CFR §1.121(a)(6) in view of support therefor in the specification as originally filed, as set forth in the following table:

<b>Amendatory Subject Matter</b>	<b>Location in Specification as Originally filed</b>
Description of Figures 1a, 1b and 1c in Brief Description of Drawings	Page 1, lines 11-18
Description of Figure 2 in Brief Description of Drawings	Page 2, lines 10-15
Description of Figures 3, 4 and 5 in Brief Description of Drawings	Page 13, lines 24-28 (describing "figures x and y")
Description of Figure 6 in Brief Description of Drawings	Page 14, lines 5-11
Description of Figure 7 in Brief description of Drawings	Page 11, lines 5-7 (describing "Scheme 1")

In response to the comment made by the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application to wit:

"It is unclear as to where it (*the reaction following figure 6*) is discussed in the application"

it is respectfully pointed out to the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application that the reaction following Figure 6 is referred to as "scheme 1" at page 11, paragraph 2, lines 5-7 of the specification as originally filed; and that "scheme 1" has now been replaced by Figure 7, which is also referred to in the "Brief Description of the Drawings" presented herewith in the newly-presented amendment.

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**Conclusion**

In view of both the amendments presented above and the foregoing discussion, the Applicants submit that all objections to the specification and drawings have been obviated. Thus, Applicants believe that the above-identified application is in condition the issuance of a formal notice of allowance, form PTOL-85.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Arthur L. Liberman at the telephone number: 732-291-9434 or the FAX number: 732-872-1305 or via E-mail at aliberman@monmouth.com so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Accordingly swift passage to issue of the above-identified application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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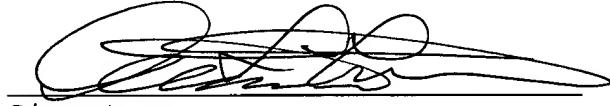
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